

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-8, 10-12, 14- 35 and 37-41 are pending.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

The Office Action indicated that former claims 9, 12, 18, 28, 29, 36 and 41 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent from including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of its formerly dependent claim 9. Claim 9 has been cancelled. Therefore, claim 1 and its dependent claims 6 and 7 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 12 has been placed in independent form including the limitations of claim 1 from which it depended. Claims 2-5, 8, 10-11, 24-27 and 29 now depend from claim 12. Claims 2-5, 8, 10-12, 24-27 and 29 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 18 has been placed in independent form including the limitations of claims 1 and 13 from which it depended. Claim 13 has been cancelled. Claims 14-17 and 19-23 now depend from claim 18. Claims 14-23 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 28 has been placed in independent form including the limitations of claim 1 from which it depended. Claim 28 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 30 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 12; therefore, claim 30 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 31 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 12; therefore, claim 31 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 32 has been amended to include the subject matter of its formerly dependent claim 36. Claim 36 has been cancelled. Claims 33-35, and 37-40 depend from claim 32. Claims 32-35, and 37-40 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 41 has been placed in independent form including the limitations of claim 32 from which it depended. Claim 41 is in condition for allowance.

**Conclusion**

In light of the amendments presented above, pending claims 1-8, 10-12, 14- 35 and 37-41 are in condition for allowance, and applicants respectfully request a notice of allowance.

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